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The Columbia River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, commenced its Sixth Annual Session in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Walla Walla, Washington Territory, Thursday, August 7th, 1879, at 8:30 A. M.

Preparatory to opening of the Conference proper, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by four Elders.

The Bishop opened the Conference by reading a suitable lesson from Scripture; after which the congregation joined in singing the 798th hymn, beginning:

"And are we yet alive?"

and were led fervently at a Throne of Grace by the Bishop.

The Secretary of the last Conference called the roll, at the request of the Bishop, and the following brethren answered to their names:

H. K. Hines, G. W. Shaffer, W. T. Koontz, J. H. Wilbur, J. C. Kirkman, G. W. Grannis, D. G. Strong, A. J. Joslyn, Theodore Hoagland, J. McKean, L. J. Whitcomb, E. Hayes, G. W. Kennedy, R. G. Hawn, Abraham Eads, W. G. Simpson.

On motion the Conference proceeded to elect its Secretary by ballot.

The Bishop appointed brothers D. G. Strong and G. W. Grannis as tellers.

The ballots being collected the following result was announced: H. K. Hines 7, W. G. Simpson 12, who was declared duly elected Secretary by the chair.

On motion the Standing Committees were ordered and appointed as follows:

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

GILBERT HAVEN,	-	-	PRESIDING BISHOP.
WILLIAM G. SIMPSON,	-	-	SECRETARY.
JOHN D. FLENNER,	-	-	ASSISTANT SECRETARY.
GEORGE W. GRANNIS,	-	-	STATISTICIAN.

The following transfers to this Conference were announced by the Bishop, viz: Geo. W. Rigby, John Le Cornu and J. H. Leard, Elders of the South Kansas Conference, whose names were ordered put on the Conference Roll; and David E. George, a probationer of the first year from the California Conference.

The name of Wm. A. Hall was also announced as a transfer from the Montana Conference.

The committee on the third year's course of study being reported absent, the following brethren were appointed in their room, viz: Bros. D. G. Strong and Geo. W. Kennedy.

The "TENTH QUESTION" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: "*Was the character of each Preacher examined?*" and as the districts were severally called the Presiding Elders read reports of their respective districts.

The names of the effective Elders were called, and those in charge of circuits and stations reported their missionary collection for the year and their character passed as follows, viz:

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.—Dan'l G. Strong, G. W. Shaffer, J. C. Kirkman, S. L. Burrill.

On the name of S. G. Havermale being called, from the representation made by his Presiding Elder, a committee was ordered to inquire into these representations, and on motion the chair appointed the following brethren such committee: L. J. Whitcomb, H. K. Hines and G. W. Rigby.

On motion the brethren were ordered to report the amount of their Missionary Assessment.

On the name of Bro. J. O. Raynor being called, the Presiding Elder announced that he was not in communication with the brother, who is a chaplain in the United States Army: on motion his character passed and his relation was continued.

DALLES DISTRICT.—J. H. Wilbur, L. J. Whitcomb.

On the name of Bro. Koontz being called his Presiding Elder announced that he had received certain charges against the brother, to examine into which a committee was ordered, and on motion the chair

Education :—Flenner, Whitcomb, Hines.

Freedmen's Aid :—Koontz, Joslyn, Kennedy.

Bible Cause :—Hayes, Shaffer, Whitcomb.

Sunday School :—George, Koontz, Eads.

Temperance :—Whitcomb, Grannis, Kirkman.

Tract :—Wilbur.

Book Accounts :—Grannis.

Episcopal Fund :—Kennedy.

Missions :—Presiding Elders.

Public Worship :—Strong, Simpson.

Church Extension :—Simpson Whitcomb, Joslyn.

Publishing Minutes :—The Secretaries.

Indian Affairs :—Hawn, Flenner, Koontz.

Board of Stewards :—G. W. Rigby, Koontz, Barrett.

Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts :—Hoagland, Whitcomb, Hines.

On motion the daily sessions were ordered to commence at 9 o'clock A. M. and close at 12 M.; and the Bar of the Conference was fixed at the line between the two center brackets of the church.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to appointed his assistants, and Bro. J. D. Flenner was appointed Assistant Secretary and Geo. W. Grannis Statistician.

On motion the following committee was appointed on the "Pacific Christian Advocate," viz: Bros. H. K. Hines, J. C Kirkman and L. J. Whitcomb.

The Bishop introduced the following brethren to the Conference, viz: G. W Rigby, of South Kansas Conference, and D. E. George of the California Conference.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock,
August 8th, 1879. }

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Haven in the chair.

The devotional exercises of the morning were conducted by Bro. G. W. Shaffer.

The journal of yesterday was read, corrected and approved.

Bro. S. L. Burrill, of Walla Walla District, reported his missionary collection.

The "THIRD QUESTION" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: "*Who remain on trial?*" and on the name of Edson C. Warren being called his Presiding Elder reported that Bro. Warren had returned to the East, and on motion his character passed and his relation discontinued.

The "FIFTH QUESTION" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: "*Who are the Deacons of the First Class?*" and Milton S. Anderson was reported as having passed a satisfactory examination, on motion his character passed and he was continued in the class of the fourth year.

The "SIXTH QUESTION" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: "*Who are the Deacons of the Second Class?*" Abraham Eads was reported as having passed a satisfactory examination in the course of the third year—on motion his character passed and he was continued in the class of the fourth year. On the representation of their Presiding Elder the character of Thomas Pearne and George Waters, native Indian Preachers at Yakama Agency, passed and they were continued as Deacons of the first class.

The "SEVENTH QUESTION" of the General Conference was taken up, viz: "*Who have been Elected and Ordained Elders?*" William G. Simpson was reported as having passed a satisfactory examination on the fourth year's course of study, his character passed, and on motion, he was elected to Elder's orders.

Rev. P. C. Hetzler, Dist. Supt. of the Am. B. Soc'y, addressed the Conference on the work and needs of the American Bible Society.

A report from the Trustees of the "Columbia River Conference Academy" was read, and on motion referred to Committee on Education.

appointed the following such committee, viz: Bros. Shaffer, Joslyn, Hoagland, Hawn and Kirkman.

GRANDE RONDE AND BOISE DISTRICT. — J. McKean, G. W. Grannis, E. Hayes, G. W. Kennedy, A. J. Joselyn, R. G. Hawn, H. K. Hines.

The "EIGHTH QUESTION" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: "*Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*" and on motion the character of Bros. Theodore Hoagland and J. H. Leard was passed and their relation continued.

At this point of the Conference proceedings Father Wilbur addressed the Conference on the subject of the benevolent collections, and was followed by Bishop Haven with words well-timed and exceedingly appropriate to the general financial and benevolent work of the church.

The Bishop introduced the subject of the Publishing Interests of the church, referring to the astonishing magnitude of the work accomplished; the church literature published and disseminated, with the aggregate of money involved.

A report and letter from Rev. J. B. Hill, agent of the Book Depository in San Francisco, and for the "California Christian Advocate," were read by the Secretary and on motion referred to Book Committee.

The annual exhibit of the Western Book Concern was read, and on motion referred to Committee on Tracts.

The following brethren were introduced to the Conference by the Bishop, viz: L. J. Whitcomb, of the Dalles; J. Le Cornu, of South Kansas Conference; and Rev. P. C. Hetzler, Dist. Supt. of the Am. B. Soc'y for Oregon, etc.

On motion the election of a Delegate to the General Conference was made the order of the day for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion the Conference Missionary Society to meet at 1:30 to-day in order to arrange a programme for anniversary.

Notices were given, doxology sung and Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bro. H. K. Hines.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock,
August 9th, 1879. }

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Haven in the chair.

Father Wilbur conducted the devotional exercises of the morning

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Secretary called the roll and the brethren answered to their names with three exceptions.

On motion the further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The "SEVENTH QUESTION" of the General Minutes was resumed, viz: "*Who has been Elected and Ordained Elders?*" The committee reported that Bro. A. Eads passed a satisfactory examination in the course of the fourth year, and, on motion, he was elected to Elder's orders.

The "FOURTH QUESTION" of the General Minutes was resumed, viz: "*Who are admitted into full connection?*" Bros. J. D. Flenner and Richard Barrett reported their missionary collection, the committee reported that they had passed a satisfactory examination in the course of the second year, and on motion their character passed—they were admitted into full connection, and Bro. Flenner elected to Deacon's orders, Bro. Barrett being in orders.

The "TWENTY-FIRST QUESTION" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: "*Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*" From the Quarterly Conference of the Walla Walla Circuit, William Yend, Senr., came recommended to the Annual Conference, for Deacon's orders, the committee reported that he had passed a good examination and being well represented by the Presiding Elder of the District; on motion he was elected to Deacon's orders.

The committee of inquiry in case of Bro. W. T. Koontz submitted the following report, which was adopted:

"We, your committee in the case of charges preferred against Bro. W. T. Koontz, would most respectfully report no cause for action."

On motion the character of Bro. W. T. Koontz was passed.

The committee on "Church Extension" presented a report which was read and adopted. (See report No. I.)

The committee on "Freedmen's Aid" submitted their report which

A report from the Trustees of "Blue Mountain University" was read, and on motion referred to Committee on Education.

At this point the Bishop addressed the Conference on "Education being the work of the Methodist Church to-day as it has ever been," and on appropriate names given to institutions of learning.

The Bishop introduced Rev. A. Laubach, publisher and agent of the "Pacific Christian Advocate," to the Conference.

In the case of Bro. S. G. Havermale the following report was submitted by the committee and adopted :

"The Committee to which was referred the case of Bro. Havermale report that they find he left his charge some weeks before the session of the Conference with the expressed intention of asking a location at the Conference Session, and that with the facts relating to this and other matters, which were before the Committee, they find no cause of complaint against him."

On motion Bro. Havermale was granted a location at his own request.

The "FOURTH QUESTION" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: "*Who are admitted into full connection?*" When Bro. J. D. Flenner was called forward to the chancel of the church and examined in open Conference by the Bishop, who addressed the candidate and the Conference on the work and aim of the Methodist Ministry, and on the relations of the minister to the church and to the world and worldly things.

During the delivery of this impressive address, a motion to extend the time of adjournment prevailed.

On motion the name of Bro. H. K. Hines was added to the Committee on Indian affairs.

Notices were given, the doxology sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bro. A. J. Joslyn.

Rev. A. Laubach, the publisher and agent of the *Pacific Christian Advocate* addressed the Conference on behalf of this paper showing its financial standing, and outlook for future prosperity, followed by Father Wilbur, Bros. Hawn, Hoagland and Hines, in words of hopeful encouragement for the success of this home interest.

On motion the Presiding Elders were added to the Committee on Education.

The Bishop announced that the Conference was authorized to draw upon the Chartered Fund to the amount of \$30, and on motion, a draft for this amount was ordered in favor of the Board of Stewards.

Notices were given, the doxology sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction pronounced by Bro. E. Hayes.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock,
August 11th, 1879. }

Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Haven in the chair.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

On motion, the accounts of the New York Book Concern referred to Committee on Book Accounts.

On motion, the annual exhibit of the New York Publishing House was referred to the Committee on Tracts.

The apportionment of the Episcopal Fund for this Conference was, on motion, referred to the Presiding Elders for next Conference year.

The apportionment of the expenses of Delegates to the General Conference, amounting to \$50, assessed to this Conference, on motion referred to the Presiding Elders for next year, and ordered to be distributed and collected by the 1st of March next.

The Committee on "Temperance" presented their report which was read and adopted. (See report No. III.)

The Committee on "Tracts" presented their report which was read and adopted. (See report No. IV.)

was read, and pending its adoption Bishop Haven addressed the Conference on the nature of our work in the South. (See report No. II.)

On motion the following resolution was adopted and ordered to be embodied in report of Committee on Freedmen's Aid, viz :

WHEREAS, We have listened to Mr. Will. I. Haven, deputized by Dr. Rust, Corresponding Secretary, F. A. S., to represent the cause of Freedmen among our Coast Conferences, with profit and interest :

Resolved 1st, That we approve of his appointment for that important work.

Resolved 2nd, That we tender our thanks for his eloquent and instructive address, and recommend him to the favorable regard of the Oregon and California Conferences.

The hour fixed for the election of a Delegate to the General Conference having arrived, on motion the Conference proceeded to elect a Delegate by ballot.

The Chair appointed Bros. Eads and Whitcomb as Tellers.

On the first ballot Bro. H. K. Hines received nine votes ; Bro. D. G. Strong eleven ; Bro G. W. Shaffer one, and J. H. Wilbur two. when the Chair declared that there was no election.

The Conference proceeded to the second ballot with the following result, viz :

Bro. D. G. Strong, 12 ; Bro. H. K. Hines, 10 ; Bro. J. H. Wilbur, 1—Whole number of votes cast 23. Bro. D. G. Strong having received a majority of all the votes cast, the Bishop declared that he was duly elected Delegate from this Conference to the General Conference, convening at Cincinnati, Ohio, in May, 1880.

On motion the Conference proceeded to elect a Reserve Delegate with the following result :

FIRST BALLOT—J. H. Wilbur, 7 ; H. K. Hines, 9 ; J. McKean, 4 ; G. W. Grannis, 1 ; D. G. Strong, 1.

SECOND BALLOT—J. H. Wilbur, 11 ; H. K. Hines, 11 ; J. McKean, 2 ; G. W. Grannis, 1.

THIRD BALLOT—J. H. Wilbur, 10 ; H. K. Hines, 13.

On the third ballot, whole number of votes cast 23. Bro. Hines having received a majority of all the votes cast, he was declared duly elected.

"That this Conference being acquainted with the peculiar difficulties that have surrounded the church at Union, Oregon, and feeling that our people there have done all they can, fully endorse the application of the Trustees of the church for \$100 more from the Church Extension Board and earnestly urge the donation."

The Bishop introduced Prof. James Rodgers, of California, to the Conference.

Notices were given, the doxology sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Prof. Rodgers.

TUESDAY MORNING, 8:30 A. M.,
August 12th, 1879. }

Conference called to order by Bishop Haven at the close of the morning prayer meeting.

The journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The Committee on Education submitted their report, which was read and adopted. (See report No. X.)

Bishop Haven presented the following certificate of ordination for record.

"This certifies that at Walla Walla, W. T., on the 12th, day of August, 1879, the following named persons, viz: John D. Flenner, William Yend (Local) were ordained Deacons. Also with the co-operation of the Elders, the following named persons were ordained Elders in the Church of God: William G. Simpson, Abraham Eads.

(Signed) GILBERT HAVEN.

The "THIRD QUESTION" of the General Minutes was resumed, viz: "*Who remain on Trial?*" The character of Bro. D. E. George was passed; he was reported as having passed a satisfactory examination on the required course of study and he was continued in the class of the second year.

The "TWENTIETH QUESTION" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: "*Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*" Goldendale, The Dalles, Union and Canyon City were placed in nomination, and on the vote being taken, the Dalles, Oregon, was fixed upon as the seat of the next Conference.

On motion Bro. M. S. Anderson was appointed General Treasurer for the Conference.

The Committee on "Sunday School" submitted their report which was read and adopted. (See report No. V.)

The Committee on "Auditing Presiding Elders Accounts" presented their report, which was read and approved. (See report No. VI.)

The Committee on "American Bible Society" presented a report which was read and adopted. (See report No. VII.)

The Committee on "Pacific Christian Advocate" presented their report which was read and adopted. (See report No. VIII.)

Bro. J. Pettit, of California, formerly a minister in the California Conference, was introduced to the Conference by the Bishop.

The members of the Lay Electoral Conference were introduced to the Conference by the Bishop, when Mrs. H. K. Hines, Reserve Lay Delegate elect, addressed the Conference in words of fraternal love and greeting.

On motion it was ordered that the address of fraternal greeting be received and published in the minutes, as also in the "Pacific Christian Advocate."

On motion the following committee was appointed to present the greetings of the Columbia River Annual Conference to the Lay Electoral Conference, viz: Bros. D. G. Strong, H. K. Hines and J. H. Wilbur.

At this stage the Bishop addressed words of welcome and encouragement to the members of the Lay Electoral Conference, and on motion, the freedom of the Conference was extended to the members of the Lay body, except voting.

On motion the session was lengthened indefinitely.

The Committee on "Indian Affairs" presented their report which was read and approved. (See report No. IX.)

On motion Bro. S. L. Burrill, of Walla Walla District was granted a location at his own request.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

the Church Extension, and we ask the appropriation of these amounts, and request the Bishop presiding and Rev. H. K. Hines, the Representative of the 12th General Conference District to urge this request."

On motion the following complimentary Resolutions were adopted by a rising vote :

I. "That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to Rev. D. G. Strong, the Presiding Elder, and Rev. Wm. G. Simpson, Pastor of Walla Walla Station, for the interest they have taken in our accommodation during this session."

II. "That our thanks are due to our beloved Bishop, Gilbert Haven, for the deep interest he has taken both in our Conference and Educational work ; for his strong and eloquent words of cheer to us as laborers in the Vineyard ; that we acknowledge the spiritual benefit his visitation has been to us, and assure him that our sincere love and earnest prayers will follow him wherever he goes, and that we cordially invite him to be with us at our next Conference."

III. "That we are under many obligations to the kind citizens of Walla Walla for the hospitable manner in which they have received and entertained the Conference during its present session."

IV. "That we tender our thanks to the 'O. S. N. Co.,' to the 'Utah, Oregon and Idaho Stage Co.,' to the 'W, W. & C. R. Railroad Co.' for their generosity in carrying members of our Conference at reduced rates."

The "SIXTEENTH QUESTION" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: "*What is the Statistical Report?*" and the Secretary read the Statistical reports which were, on motion, approved. (See Statistical Tables.)

It was moved by Bro. T. Hoagland that the Conference reconsider its action in reference to the passage of the character of Bro. J. McKean, but the motion not prevailing, Bro. McKean asked that a committee be appointed to consider the statements made by Bro. Hoagland.

On motion a Committee of three were appointed to inquire into the case, viz: Bros. Wilbur, Whitcomb and Joslyn, and permission to retire, on motion, granted.

On motion, the Committee on Fraternal Greetings to Lay Conference was granted time for its report and that same be published in printed minutes.

The "SECOND QUESTION" of the General Minutes was taken up, viz: "*Who are admitted on Trial?*" When Brother Samuel Hope came recommended from the Quarterly Conference of the Dalles, and, on motion, he was admitted on trial. Bro. Elmer C. Rigby came recommended from the Quarterly Conference of Pataha and Lewiston, and, on motion, he was admitted on trial. Bro. Joseph Pettit came recommended from the Quarterly Conference of Palouse Circuit, and, on motion, he was admitted on trial. Bro. Robert R. Jones came recommended from the Quarterly Conference of Idaho City, and, on motion, he was admitted on trial.

The Committee on "Missions" presented their report which was read. (See report No. XI.)

The following list of Committees of Examination for next year were presented by Bishop Haven, viz: *To Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial*—The Presiding Elders:

First Year.....J. C. Kirkman, E. Hayes, J. Le Cornu.
Second Year.....W. G. Simpson, W. T. Koontz, G. W. Kennedy.
Third Year.....W. S. Turner, R. G. Hawn, A. J. Joslyn.
Fourth Year.....G. W. Grannis, G. W. Rigby, H. K. Hines.

To Examine Local Preachers for Ordination.—M. S. Anderson.

To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon.—G. C. Ackerman.

The Chair presented nominations for the Conference Board of Church Extension, and they were approved as follows, viz:

President.....J. H. Wilbur, Fort Simcoe, W. T.
Vice-President.....L. J. Whitcomb, Dalles, Oregon.
Recording Secretary.. .. .Watson Helm, Columbus, W. T.
Corresponding Secretary...H. K. Hines, Dalles, Oregon.
Treasurer.....W. T. Koontz, Goldendale, W. T.
Additional Membere.....J. B. Dickerson, Thos. Johnson, W. P. Watson,
 Dalles, Oregon.

On motion the Presiding Elders were appointed to nominate *Triers of Appeals*, and the following were nominated and approved, viz: W. G. Simpson, A. J. Joslyn, H. K. Hines, J. H. Leard, R. Barrett, G. W. Shaffer, J. Le Cornu, G. W. Kennedy and J. H. Wilbur.

The following Resolution was read and adopted:

"That view of our rapidly expanding work, we feel that it will be impossible for us to meet its necessities for the next year with less than \$5000 appropriation from the Missionary Board and \$1500 from

REPORTS.

I. ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

We, as a Conference, come again feeling and expressing our obligations to this cause for the great encouragement it has given us.

Those who come among us seeking for homes look upon the *monuments* of the Church Extension in our midst, while they call for benedictions from on high upon the institution whose glorious aim it is to rear temples for the worship of our God.

It is a pleasing privilege we have and enjoy when our people through the vast territory of our Conference, ask concerning the source from which our aid comes in our church-building enterprises, to point to and explain the constitution of the Church Extension Board.

We would pledge ourselves to fairly and earnestly set the claims of the Church Extension before our people, and our congregations publicly and do all we can by private solicitation.

Our people, through the bounds of the Conference, are poor in silver and gold, but money consecrated to Him who is the giver of every good and every perfect gift, finds its way into the treasury of this grand cause which is ours.

The apportionment from the Parent Board to this Conference of \$1500, for the year just closed, still remains untouched.

Amount assessed by Parent Board.....	\$400 00.
Received from Charges.....	\$264 25.
Received from Special Collection at Conference... 131 75.	396 00.
Deficient of whole Assessment.....	\$4 00.

WM. G. SIMPSON, Chairman.

II. ON FREEDMEN'S AID.

The work in the South is assuming a form which calls for more active effort on the part of the church and the ministers:

Therefore, Resolved: That we, as Ministers of the Columbia River Conference, will not fail to present this claim to all of our congregations during the coming year, and

On motion, Bro. H. K. Hines, was recommended as a member of the Publishing Committee of the "Pacific Christian Advocate."

On motion the change in the hour of meeting this morning was approved.

The Committee of inquiry in the case of Bro. McKean read their report, as follows:

"The Committee to whom was referred the case of Bro. McKean asked for evidence in open Conference and no evidence was produced; we find no objection to the passing of his character."

On motion the report was adopted and the character of Bro. McKean passed.

On motion the Conference to stand adjourned after the reading of the appointments.

Bishop Haven addressed the Conference in words of warm sympathy and cheer, when he read the 1st chap. of I Peter, the Conference joined in singing the 816th hymn, Father Wilbur led in prayer, after which the Bishop read the appointments, (see appendix) the doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bro. Theodore Hoagland.

(Signed) GILBERT HAVEN, President.

(Signed) WM. G. SIMPSON, Secretary.

(2.) That no fermented wines be ever used at any of our communion services.

(3.) That we, as ministers, preach temperance in all our congregations as often as is practicable, and organize our congregations into temperance bands, to co-operate with each other and with all other temperance organizations.

(4.) That as a conference, we are in sympathy with the resolutions passed by our last General Conference, favoring prohibition in the importation, manufacture and sale of all intoxicating liquors.

L. J. WHITCOMB, Chairman.

V. ON SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We regard the Sunday School the nursery of the church. We believe that, as ministers, we should organize and maintain Sunday Schools on all our charges, at every place where we find it practicable.

Therefore, Resolved, That as servants of the church, we will insist that all our Sunday Schools be organized into Missionary Societies, and according to constitution in Discipline for Sunday Schools.

D. E. GEORGE, Chairman.

VI. FROM AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined the accounts of the Presiding Elders, and find that on the Dalles District there remains unexpended, in the hands of the Presiding Elder, \$400. The remaining \$200 was properly expended and receipted for.

On the Grande Ronde and Boise District, and the Walla Walla District, the appropriations to the several charges were properly applied and receipted for.

THEODORE HOAGLAND, Chairman.

VII. ON BIBLE CAUSE.

WHEREAS, the American Bible Society is doing so grand a work in spreading the Holy Scriptures over all lands and in nearly every tongue; and,

Whereas, we have listened to Mr. Will. I. Haven, deputized by Dr. Rust, Corresponding Secretary of Freedmen's Aid Society, to represent the cause of Freedmen's Aid among our coast Conferences, with profit and interest :

Resolved, 1. That we approve of his appointment for that important work.

2. That we tender our thanks for his eloquent and instructive address and recommend him to the favorable regard of the Oregon and California Conferences.

COLLECTIONS FROM CHARGES.

Boise City	\$ 6 00	Colfax.....	\$ 3 00
The Dalles.....	2 00	Goldendale	3 00
Canyon City.....	5 00	Public Collection.....	33 00
Walla Walla	13 25	Yakama Indian Agency (forward-	
Walla Walla Circuit.....	1 00	ed to Treasurer).....	80 00
Weston.....	1 00	Yakama Indian Agency at Con-	
Pendleton	1 00	ference	20 00
Middleton	4 00		
		Total.....	\$172 25

WM. T. KOONTZ, Chairman.

III. ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee would report that notwithstanding there is an apparent increase in the number of manufacturers, venders and drinkers of intoxicating liquors, within the bounds of this Conference, there is much to encourage us in the waking up of public sentiment, to warrant us in asserting that this terrible power for evil will soon loose its hold upon society.

1st. Scientists have declared it to be a dangerous poison, and not safe as a remedy in medical treatment, and that it should not be used except in the most extreme cases.

2d. The judges of our criminal courts denounce it as the cause of nearly all the crimes committed in the land.

3d. Figures show that a vast amount of the expenses of the Government arise from this wicked source.

4th. That it is by this avenue death comes and robs us of our choicest men in the various departments of society.

We, therefore, recommend: (1.) That as christians and ministers, we unite with all reasonable means and measures for its eternal banishment from every branch of society.

Resolved; 1st, That the general course of the *Advocate*, editorially, and its management, financially, during the past year has met our approval.

2nd, That we will earnestly endeavor to do our full part towards closing up all old accounts with the paper, and increasing its circulation to 2,000 during the coming year.

H. K. HINES, Chairman.

IX. ON INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Your Committee on Indian Affairs desire to report that we are deeply impressed with the necessity of wise, christian and statesman-like utterances on this subject. The relations of the Indians are not only to the Church, but to the Government as well, and our attitude towards them, and work among them, must be largely modified by that relation. We work among them under governmental privilege, and while prudently attempting to secure such changes in the policy of the Government towards them as we see to be necessary for the improvement of their temporal condition, and for their enlightenment and salvation, we must do this in a christian way and with a christian spirit. We are compelled, in that spirit, to say that American civilization is not meeting the just expectation of the world in its work for, and influence on the Indian tribes. It ought to be able to civilize and save this people; it has not proved itself to be. The Government of the United States ought to be able to protect its humblest citizen or its poorest ward from insult or rapacity from any source. It has not, in this case, proved itself to be.

We are forced to the conclusion that while some features of the present Indian policy continue it will not be. The Indian is practically put beyond the pale of law, and there is no place where his rights, if trampled on, can be vindicated, or his wrongs redressed. This is a great wrong—it is more—it is a shame and disgrace. He cannot, he must not be kept in such a condition. The christian sentiment, the sentiment of justice and right to the feeblest, which is so characteristic of our people when properly appealed to, will forbid it.

The limits of a conference report preclude any lengthened discussion on this subject, but we cannot forbear quoting the following from the *N. Y. Tribune* as a vigorous utterance from a leading secular paper, in harmony with our views, and indicating the same line of action. It says: "The Indian, even the sun-dancing brave, is just as ready for the polls as were the field hands of Georgia or the Voodoo worshipers of Louisanna. Give him the ballot; extend the protec-

Whereas, we, the members of the Columbia River Annual Conference have found it to be a valuable help to us in our work among this people; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we rejoice in the prosperity of said Society.

2d. That we will give it our hearty co-operation by collecting money for it, and by circulating the Bible among the destitute, as requested by the District Superintendent.

E. HAYES, Chairman,

VIII. ON "PACIFIC CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE."

Your committee beg leave to report that we do not deem it necessary to make any formal statement of the reasons why the "Pacific Christian Advocate" should exist, and receive our encouragement and support. They are obviously all the reasons why the Press should be made the medium of christian teaching everywhere, emphasized by the peculiar condition of a country like ours whose formative processes need, and must have, christian influence and guiding. And they are also all the reasons for the existence of Methodism itself, as a distinctive form of christian power and effort, to influence and guide those conditions. The "Pacific Christian Advocate" is our means of exerting that influence.

The statement and exhibit of its financial manager, Rev. L. Laubach, shows it to be in a better condition, financially, than it has been before, the current income having met its current expenses and slightly reduced its liabilities.

We are glad also to note and express the fact that the editorial department of the paper has been well conducted and receives as it ought, our general approbation. Your committee are impressed that the circulation of the "Advocate" is unreasonably, we had almost said, disgracefully small. Two thousand paying subscribers within its patronizing territory, would seem a small circulation, while its actual number is but 1200.

We are persuaded that with its eighty or more agents, members of its two patronizing conferences, it would be easy to increase its circulation to that point within the coming year. Not deeming it necessary to extend this report, we offer the following resolutions, trusting that if adopted, they will be made the basis of earnest and conscientious action.

ly and unequivocally deny all such statements and oppose all such projects.

We recommend the appointment of a committee of three to consist of Revs. H. K. Hines, L. J. Whitcomb and Hon. Jonas W. Brown, to be a committee of correspondence on this subject.

R. G. HAWN, Chairman.

X. ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education respectfully report :

That a repetition of the statements of former years of the interest we take in the cause of education does not seem important. From its very first session the words of this Conference have been strong and unequivocal in support of that cause, and certainly we have neither cause nor desire to weaken them now that our needs as a church, and the needs of the new Empire that Providence has assigned to our occupancy are becoming so much greater, so much more apparent. To give some practical form to that interest, efforts have been made to establish two institutions of learning, the "Blue Mountain University," located at La Grande, and the "Columbia River Conference Academy" at Grangeville in Northern Idaho.

In reference to the first, the Board of Trustees state in their report, which was referred to us, that the effort to relieve the enterprise from debt has been more successful than they could have hoped. That subscriptions and other means to the amount of \$6,075 have been gathered by the agent, of which \$3,990 have been applied on indebtedness, there remaining a balance of less than \$3,000 to be provided for.

The Trustees have elected Rev. G. C. Ackerman, A. M. of the Genesee Conference, President of the Institution, who has accepted the position and expects to enter on his work in September.

The Trustees present the following nomination for Trustees to take the place of the outgoing class, and hold their office for three years : J. L. Carter, W. J. Snodgrass, L. J. Rouse, Rev. H. K. Hines, J. H. Shambaugh, Joseph Palmer, Rev. J. McKean and J. A. McWhirter, and we recommend their election by the Conference.

They have also re-elected Rev. H. K. Hines as agent, and ask the Bishop to give him that appointment.

tion of the civil courts over the Reservations; do away with all this absurd talk of Great Fathers and presents and useless gim-cracks. Give the thousands of red men who, like the Poncas, are eager for civilization, a chance to enjoy it. Pay the Indian for his land; give him security in his home, free schools; hang him when he kills a white man, and hang the white man who kills him."

Our Conference has a peculiar relation to this Indian question. The representative Indian agency of the whole service is within our bounds, and under the charge of one of our number, Rev. J. H. Wilbur. It is detracting nothing from any other work or workman to say that the work of this Agency has been the most successful of any. This has demonstrated to us two things:

1st, That agencies and agents controlled by christian feelings and principles, and inspired with zeal for the salvation of the Indian can alone be successful.

2nd, That keeping the agencies under the control of the right man, with authority to surround himself with right men, for long periods, so that he can carry out his own christianizing and civilizing plans, is all important to their success.

We are gratified to report that in all departments the Yakama Agency, under the care of Bro. Willbur, has had probably its most prosperous year. *Over \$8,000 of the appropriation made by Government for its support during the present year has been returned to the Treasury*; while at the same time 1,000 Indians—Bannacks, Piutes, &c.—among the wildest on the western slope have been added to the agency. These have already begun to travel the upward way to better conditions and life, by substituting the *plow* for the *bow*, the grain fields for the chase, the school and the meeting for savage roaming and carousal.

The religious work among the Indians the past year has been of a very encouraging type. The old members of the church have generally continued steadfast, and 155 probationers, largely from the Indians admitted on the reservation, have been received. Under the christian influences of the reservation the enmities heretofore existing between the Yakamas and Piutes and Bannacks have been bound, the ——— of peace taking the place of conflicts of war.

We need to refer to one more thing, namely, the statements so widely published that the Agent, Rev. J. H. Wilbur, had been largely defaulter to the Government. These statements we are sure have been made by designing men, in the hope of wresting the agency from the control of the Church and despoiling the Indians of their homes, and we feel it a duty we owe him, them and ourselves to plain-

Calley, J. W. Brock, J. W. Brown, A. E. Ellis, J. B. Dickerson, Revs. D. G. Strong, J. McKean, L. J. Whitcomb, H. K. Hines, J. H. Wilbur and Wm. G. Simpson, to which all questions of the location of educational institutions hereafter to be established shall be referred and who shall have authority to act for the Conference.

And we further recommend that Rev. J. H. Wilbur be appointed by the Bishop General Educational Agent for the Conference.

H. K. HINES, Chairman.

COLLECTION FROM CHARGES.

Walla Walla,	\$6 00
Pendleton,	50
Grangeville,	1 00
Canyon City,	2 00
Boise City,	8 65
Goldendale,	4 50
Simcoe,	25 00
	<hr/> \$47 65

XI. FROM THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.

Walla Walla,	\$150 00	Palouse,	\$250 00
Waitsburg,	80 00	Coeur d'Alene,	200 00
Wallula,	100 00	Spokane,	250 00
Pataha,	140 00	Colfax,	200 00
Lewiston,	50 00		
		Total for Walla Walla Dist.	\$1,420 00

GRANDE RONDE AND BOISE DISTRICT.

La Grande,	\$150 00	Silver City,	\$100 00
Union,	275 00	Wallowa,	125 00
Summerville,	180 00	Boise City,	200 00
Baker City,	225 00		
Boise Valley,	225 00	Total for Grande Ronde and Boise District,	\$1,480 00

DALLES DISTRICT.

Ocheco and Bridge Creek,	\$100 00	Hepner,	\$100 00
Yakama,	200 00	Pendleton,	150 00
Yakama Indian Mission,	150 00		
Hood River,	100 00	Total for Dalles District,	\$1,100 00
Kititas,	200 00		
Weston,	100 00	Grand Total,	\$4,000 00

J. McKEAN, Sec. Committee.

Approved: G. HAVEN, President.

XII. ADDRESS OF COLUMBIA RIVER LAY CONFERENCE.

Bishop Haven, and brethren of the Columbia River Conference:—
The Lay Electoral Conference assembled in this city, in accordance with the discipline of our beloved Church, has completed the work

We desire to call the attention of the Board of Trustees to the fact, that, in our opinion, the name of the Institution is too broad for the necessities, or even the possibilities of our educational work for many years to come, if indeed we can ever hope or wisely attempt to have a real university in our Conference.

Without attempting to give all the reasons for the suggestion, we advise the Trustees by filing supplemental articles of incorporation, or in some other legal way, to adopt a name, which will claim no more than a collegiate rank.

We recommend the appointment of a Visiting Committee to consist of the Pastors of Union, Baker City, Summerville and La Grande charges, who are expected to visit the school in a body at least once in the year.

As to the "Columbia River Conference Academy," your Committee note many encouraging facts from the report of the Trustees.

We find that the average attendance for the six months the school was in session was about thirty-five; that three young ladies have completed the second years' course, while about fifteen have continued through the first year; that about \$75 have been expended in apparatus, globes, maps, &c.; that besides the regular academic work ten pupils have been taking lessons in music in the Institution, and that the outlook for the coming year is good. We also find that the school is taught in a large, commodious hall, 70x30 feet, which building has so far been sufficient to meet the demands of the school, but it is clear that the growth of the school will soon require a larger building.

We therefore recommend that as soon as practicable grounds be procured and suitable buildings be erected.

We nominate the following brethren to act as Trustees: Revs. D. G. Strong, J. H. Wilbur, and Wm. G. Simpson.

The time seems to have come when our Conference should take broader ground and stronger action in behalf of this cause. While we have two institutions in widely separated portions of the Conference which deserve and must receive our hearty support, the great Walla Walla valley is as yet without any. This is the centre of population and trade for all this region of country, and wise, energetic and persevering efforts should be made at an early day to occupy it. Other portions of the Conference, as Boise City and the great country north of Snake River need early and careful attention. To secure that attention we recommend the appointment of a Board of Education for the Conference to consist of the following: Benj. F. Burch, A. Mc-

But, beloved Pastors, we ought not detain you longer. Many things that are in our hearts must be unuttered here. Our desires and prayers to God for you shall be breathed morning, noon and night. We invite for ourselves and our constituency your tenderest and most watchful oversight. We shall welcome you to our homes and our hearts. And now, giving thanks to God that we are in a commission and a work where there is neither Jew nor Greek, bond nor free, male nor female, but where all are one in Christ Jesus, we give you our benediction in the name of the Lord.

MRS. E. J. HINES,
MRS. L. E. WHITCOMB,
MRS. E. EADS,
G. C. ROE,
MISS ELLA WHIPPLE.

XIII. TO THE LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:—There is, probably, no denomination of Christians in which the Ministry and laity are brought into more intimate relationship or where there is a more healthy and intelligent co-operation in all the great activities of the age than in our own. It is true that the special organic change of polity which gives to our laymen official recognition in our highest legislative body—the General Conference—and which provides for your meeting us here to-day is of comparatively recent date, but from the first there has been and continues to be a necessary and vital union between us. The modification of our ecclesiastical law creates no new relationship, it simply recognizes and intensifies previously existing ones.

There is a growing conviction throughout Western, if not Eastern Methodism also, that our young Conference will eventually take rank among the first of the connection. "The foundation of many generations" are being laid. The causes which have brought about our Conference boundaries giving to us such an endowment of natural resources and elements of power were not all unselfish or benevolent, but they have been over-ruled for wise and good purposes and to-day the outlook for the Columbia River Conference is exceedingly promising, in the growth and developement of which neither the ministry nor laity can say either to other, "I have no need of thee," but by the effectual working in the measure of every part an increase of the body to the edifying of itself in love may be safely predicted.

By the help of God, and you, we are now preaching a glorious gospel to all this people, churches are being erected in our centres of population as rapidly as our means will allow, organizations are being perfected and the appliances of Methodism set in operation. There is

assigned it and adjourned. Before adjourning, however, a committee was appointed to present the pastoral and Christian salutations of that body to your own, and in accordance with that appointment we give you our greetings in the name of our one God and Master. The laity of the Church look to you brethren, under God, as their guide in Christian life, and feel their obligations to follow you as you follow Christ.

We not only recognize this as an obligation, but we do it as a pleasant privilege. We are acquainted with the general purity of your lives, with the devotion, the self-denial, the consecration that marks your work. We remember how earnestly you have labored, how fervently you have prayed for our salvation, and for the salvation of our children and friends, and we give you our most hearty thanks. We have laid up this memory in our hearts, and shall ever cherish it as a fragrant memento of what you have been to us and ours. We cannot but express our gratitude that the actual and visible union between the ministry and laity of our Church have been so much strengthened by the admission of laymen to her highest councils. It was evidently the providential hour when the change in our Discipline, which admitted laymen to this participation was made. So, if changes come to our economy they should ever come. We are jealous of the essential integrity of our Church polity. So well has the Church done her work under the providential conditions of the past, that we always hesitate even to think of possible modifications, much less of any violent and abrupt changes. We assure you that in your efforts to carry out the essential principles of our powerful system of Church work in such way as to reach the greatest results for humanity, you will always have our heartiest sympathy and support. The meeting at one place of so many of the chief laity, and the ministers of the Conference, with the privileges of intellectual and spiritual fellowship it gives, ought to inspire a new impulse in our Church work all through our Conference. Though some of us have known by personal participation in them, something of the trials and difficulties of the work to which you are called, we learn, and appreciate them *better* as we listen to the reports you make of your wildly scattered labors, and we learn also what, perhaps we need quite as much to know how much of all hoped for success depends on the strongest confidence—the truest trust between pastor and people. We shall go to our homes, to our places in the Church at our homes, to greet you brethren, any of you, who may be our pastors with warmer sympathy than we could have done had we not been permitted to look on, if we had not shared in your deliberations. We are one body—the body of one Church, of which Christ is the Head. No questions of divided rights, or exclusive privileges trouble us. Your success is our blessing, your growth is our glory. God hath joined us together in the sacred wedlock of a common spiritual life and a common Christian work. We must not strain nor stain the bonds that bind us, but cherish and brighten them by the holy fulfillment of our mutual vows.

APPENDIX.

A.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1879--80.

WALLA DISTRICT,.....D. G. STRONG, P. E.

Walla Walla City,.....W. G. Simpson	Grangeville and Principal of Columbia
Walla Walla Circuit,.....J. LeCornu	River Conference Academy...
Waitsburg,.....M. S. Anderson	W. A. Hall
Dayton,.....J. D. Flenner	Couer d'Alene.....Sam'l Driver
Pataha,.....E. C. Rigby	Spokane Falls.....J. H. Leard
Lewiston,.....J. W. Rigby	Colfax,.....W. S. Turner
Palouse,.....D. E. George	Wallula Mission.....Prof. Jas. Rogers

GRAND RONDE AND BOISE DISTRICT,.....J. M'KEAN, P. E.

Boise City,.....A. J. Joslyn	La Grande,.....G. W. Grannis
Idaho City,.....E. Hayes	Summerville,.....R. Barrett
Silver City,.....Joseph Pettit	Wallowa,.....W. Hunter
Boise Valley,.....R. R. Jones	President of the Blue Mountain Uni-
Baker City,.....To be supplied	versity.....G. E. Akerman
Union,.....G. W. Kennedy	

DALLES DISTRICT,.....L. J. WHITCOMB, P. E.

The Dalles,.....H. K. Hines	Pendleton,.....J. C. Kirkman
Goldendale,.....W. T. Koontz	Weston,.....G. W. Rigby
Yakama Indian Mission...J. H. Wilbur	Canyon City,.....R. G. Hawn
G. Waters and Thos. Pearne	and A. Eades
Yakama City,.....G. W. Shaffer	Ocheco Bridge Creek.....To be supplied
Kittitas,.....To be supplied	Hood River,.....To be supplied
Hepner,.....S. Hope	

B.

QUESTIONS OF THE GENERAL MINUTES.

QUESTION 1. Have any entered this Conference by transfer or re-admission?

By transfer, Geo. W. Rigby, John Le Cornu and J. H. Leard, Elders from the South Kansas Conference, Wm. A. Hall, an Elder from the Montana Conference, David E. George, a Probationer of the first year from the California Conference.—5.

QUES. 2. Who are admitted on trial?

Samuel Hope, Elmer C. Rigby, Joseph Pettit, Robert R. Jones—4.

no enterprise in the country, not even the immigration itself which can show as large a per cent. increase as can our Church. Our educational work though in its incipiency, is truly grand, not so much in what it is to-day as in its far reaching connections and consequent bearing upon every interest of the future. Then too we are to have a voice in settling the question of Methodist journalism on this coast. Whether we are to have one mammoth paper or several local ones the patronage of this Conference will be sought. It is only in the line of what has been and does not, to us, seem far off when in this commercial centre of our Conference we shall have a christian press under denominational control.

In all these important matters your responsibility is not less than ours. We are pleased with the interest you manifest and feel sure your action will ever be hearty and prompt.

Thanking you sincerely for your eloquent words of cheer, we unite with you in supplicating His help without which we can do nothing.

D. G. STRONG,
J. H. WILBUR,
H. K. HINES,

QUES. 18. What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?

There has been received :

From Circuits and Stations,.....	\$ 22 85.
From Chartered Fund,.....	30 00.
From Board of Stewards of last year,.....	124 75.
On hand,.....	\$177 60.

QUES. 19 Where are the Preachers stationed?

See Appendix A.

QUES. 20. Where and when shall the next Conference be held?
The Dalles, Oregon. Time not given.

QUES. 21. Have any Local Preachers been ordained?
William Yend, Senr. of Walla Walla District—Deacon.

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CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Rev. H. K. Hines preached the annual sermon.

The Treasurer read the following report :

Assessed by the Parent Board, \$800.
Collected as follows :

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.

	Assessed	Collected.
Walla Walla,.....W. G. Simpson,.....	\$37 00.	\$63 00
Walla Walla Circuit, .....G. W. Shaffer,.....		11 00
Pataha and Lewiston,.....E. C. Rigby,.....		20 00
Dayton,.....S. G. Havermale,.....		5 00
Weston,.....S. L. Burrill,.....		15 00
Pendleton,.....J. C. Kirkman,.....		15 00
Colfax,.....M. S. Anderson,.....		15 00
Grangeville,.....J. D. Flenner,.....		10 00
Palouse, .....D. E. George,.....		4 00
Total,		\$158 00

GRAND RONDE AND BOISE DISTRICT.

	Assessed	Collected.
La Grande,.....G. W. Grannis,.....	\$50 00.	\$45 00
Union, .....E. Hayes,.....	20 00	5 00
Baker City,.....G. W. Kennedy,.....	20 00	8 00
Canyon City,.....R. G. Hawn,.....	50 00	70 00
Boise City,.....A. J. Jolsyn,.....	50 00	60 00
Middleton,.....G. C. Allender,	15 00	15 00
Summerville and Wallowa,... R. Barrett,	20 00	15 00
Idaho City,.....R. R. Jones,.....	40 00	15 00
Total,.....		\$233 00

QUES. 3. Who remain on trial?
David E. George.

QUES. 4. Who are admitted into full connection?
John D. Flenner and Richard Barrett—2.

QUES. 5. Who are the Deacons of the first class?
Thomas Pearne, George Waters, John D. Flenner and Richard Barrett.

QUES. 6. Who are the Deacons of the second class?
M. S. Anderson.

QUES. 7. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?
Abraham Eads, and William G. Simpson.

QUES. 8. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
Theodore Hoagland and John H. Leard.

QUES. 9. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?
None.

QUES. 10. Was the character of each Preacher examined?
This was strictly attended to, by calling over their names before the Conference.

QUES. 11. Have any located?
S. G. Havermale and S. L. Burrill.

QUES. 12. Have any withdrawn?
None.

QUES. 13. Have any been transferred and to what Conference?
None.

QUES. 14. Have any been expelled?
None?

QUES. 15. Have any died?
None.

QUES. 16. What is the Statistical Report?
See Statistical Tables.

QUES. 17. What are the claims upon the Conference Fund?
Nothing.

NO. 1. STATISTICS OF COLUMBIA RIVER CONFERENCE, FOR 1879.
WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBER-SHIP.				BAP- TISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.				SABBATH SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Scholars of all ages	Officers and Teach- ers.	Scholars.	FOR MISSIONS.			Conference Claims.	Woman's Foreign Mis- sionary So- ciety.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday School Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.
														Churches.	Sabbath Schools.	Total.								
Walla Walla.....	6	90	1	2	.....	8	1	\$9,000	1	\$200	100	13	1	\$7 50	\$43 00	\$20 00	\$63 00	\$6 00	\$23 50	\$3 50	\$3 50	\$13 25	\$6 00	\$20 50
Walla Walla Circuit.....	.....	63	5	.....	.....	.....	1	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	11 00	.....	11 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Dayton .....	.....	.....	2	.....	1	1	1	2,500	1	800	150	19	1	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waitsburg .....	.....	44	1	.....	.....	.....	1	2,000	1	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pendleton	11	41	.....	.....	1	.....	1	1,800	.....	.....	60	6	1	1 00	13 00	2 00	15 00	.....	4 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	50
Weston	26	90	2	1	2	.....	.....	.....	1	450	65	14	3	1 00	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Grangeville	2	20	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	10	2	.....	10 00	.....	10 00	50	5 00	50	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Colfax	10	60	2	2	5	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	.....	15 00	1 00	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 50
Pataha and Lewiston	2	61	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Palouse.....	43	172	6	4	23	13	.....	.....	1	200	155	37	4	1 35	4 00	.....	4 00	.....	2 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	100	641	19	11	32	23	5	\$17,300	6	\$2,400	590	99	12	\$14 35	\$136 00	\$22 00	\$158 00	\$7 50	\$63 25	\$5 00	\$5 85	\$21 25	\$7 50	\$56 50

GRAND RONDE AND BOISE DISTRICT.

	10	57	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	\$	500	1	\$	200	2	12	135	...	\$1 50	\$25 00	\$20 00	\$45 00	...	\$10 00	\$2 00	...	\$2 00	...	\$2 00	...
La Grande	10	57	1	1	...	...	...	...	1	\$	500	1	\$	200	2	12	135	...	\$1 50	\$25 00	\$20 00	\$45 00	...	\$10 00	\$2 00	...	\$2 00	...	\$2 00	...
Union .....	...	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	3,000	...	...	3,000	...	1	8	30	...	...	5 00	...	5 00	...	6 75	...	...	...	...	...	...
Baker City	6	33	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	3,000	...	1	3,000	1,000	...	...	...	...	...	8 00	...	...	...	2 25	...	...	...	...	...	...
Canyon City	37	55	1	1	3	...	...	...	1	2,600	...	1	2,600	600	3	18	138	5 00	...	70 00	...	...	70 00	\$10 00	1 50	...	...	...	5 00	\$2 00
Summerville and Wallowa.	7	85	2	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	80	...	...	15 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Boise City	12	89	...	...	13	...	...	...	1	8,000	...	1	8,000	1,200	1	8	76	2 00	...	60 00	...	...	60 00	6 00	...	4 00	...	...	6 00	8 65
Idaho City	12	58	...	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	700	3	22	125	...	...	15 00	...	...	15 00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Middleton	5	43	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1,800	...	...	1,800	...	1	...	...	...	...	15 00	...	...	15 00	...	10 00	1 00	...	1 50	4 00	...
Totals.....	89	450	5	3	30	51	6	\$18,900	5	...	\$18,900	\$3,700	13	78	584	\$8 50	\$213 00	\$20 00	\$20 00	\$233 00	...	\$16 00	\$8 50	\$7 50	\$17 00	\$10 65	\$10 65	\$6 65

THE DALLAS DISTRICT.

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RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

[illegible]

DALLES DISTRICT.

The Dalles,.....	L. J. Whitcomb,.....	\$ 10 00
Goldendale,.....	W. T. Koontz,	26 50
Simcoe,.....	J. H. Wilbur,.....	297 00
Returned from last years' appropriation,		400 00
Total,.....		\$734 00
Amount of collection at Conference,.....		\$ 85 00
Amount paid by Conference,		810 00
In excess of assessment,		10 00

J. McKEAN, Treasurer.

The following officers are continued for the ensuing year :

H. K. HINES,.....	President.
D. G. STRONG,.....	Vice President.
WM. G. SIMPSON,.....	Secretary.
J. McKEAN,.....	Treasurer.

WM. G. SIMPSON, Secretary.

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The Chairman of the Committee to whom was refered the Bishop's Fund reported as follows :

Received from Walla Walla District,.....	\$ 15 10
Received from Grand Ronde and Boise District,.....	23 00
Received from Dalles District,	29 00
Bishop's Receipt,.....	\$ 67 10

G. W. KENNEDY, Chairman.

H. E. JOHNSON.

R. R. REES.

W. P. WINANS.

JOHNSON, REES & WINANS,

—:DEALERS IN:—

General Merchandise,

Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes,

HATS AND CAPS,

Groceries, Paints, Oils, Etc., Etc.

AND GRAIN AND PRODUCE,

WALLA WALLA, W. T.

OSBORN & MORRISON,

LIVERY, FEED

—:AND:—

SALE STABLE,

Main Street, Walla Walla.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.															
	Support of Bishops.	Building and Improving Churches and Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches and Parsonages.	Claims for Ministerial Support.	Receipts for Ministerial Support.	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Scholars Fifteen Years and over.	Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Average Attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Officers and Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars who are church Members or Probationers.	Conversions.	Library Books.	Total Expenses of School this Year.	Sunday School Class-mates taken.	Sunday School Advocates taken.	Sunday School Journals taken.	SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.
Walla Walla.....	\$4 00	\$2000	\$3000	\$1044	\$962	1	13	100	40	40	20	60	13	25	10	\$65	50	19
Walla Walla Circuit.....	3 00	1800	200	475	380
Dayton.....	800	693	1	19	150	75	55	20	77	8	84	40
Waitsburg.....	1 00	12	600
Weston.....	1 60	150	3	14	65	15	18	7	50	10	20	3
Pendleton.....	2 00	230	300	700	510	1	6	60	15	24	24	50	6	15	4	25	30	3
Palouse.....	650	22	500	232	4	30	125	30	70	25	120	23	50	7	100	19	40	40	9
Colfax.....	2 50	650	568
Grangeville.....	400	200	2	10	60	17	45	2	13	25	11
Pataha and Lewiston.....	1 00	237	575	312
Totals.....	\$15 10	\$5729	\$3522	\$5787	\$3314	12	92	560	1 75	207	113	402	63	112	24	184	\$162	40	145	42

	\$4 00	\$	60	\$	158	934	934	\$	934	686	934	2	12	135	40	60	35	100	8	12	200	\$	100	20	50	12
La Grande.....	962
Union.....	600	158	804	804	686	1	8	30	6	14	10	28	4	12	50	12
Baker City.....	600	950	725	725	600	30	6
Canyon City.....	789	392	1050	1050	1050	3	18	138	15	1	
Boise City.....	1200	1000	1350	1350	1350	1	8	76	28	31	17	65	11
Idaho City.....	250	400	1100	1100	1125	3	22	125	75	40	10	80	8	10	50	12	
Middleton.....	200	1	20	40	150	100	
Summerville and Wallowa.....	500	500	361	2	10	80	25	25	30	70	8	10	7	
Totals.....	\$23 00	\$3861	\$3100	\$6463	\$6106	13	78	584	174	170	102	343	59	72	70	295	138

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